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ASK WHEAT BOARD SERVE COARSE GRAINS GROWERS

Britain's Dollar Shortage Stressed FEDERATION ASKS **BOARD FUNCTION** FOR FEED GRAINS

Board for Benefit of Growers-Government Responsibility for Feed Reserve

C.F.A. UNANIMOUS

Major Issues Dealt With at **Annual Meeting of** Federation

BY THE EDITOR

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Directors of the Canadian Federation
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A.F.A. Decision

The resolution on this subject, which was adopted unanimously, set forth:

"That a joint effort be made to enable the Canadian Wheat Board to be the sole marketing agency of coarse grains, and that any legislation giving the Canadian Wheat Board the same exclusive powers over the marketing of other grains as it now exercises over wheat shall be based on the principle that the Canadian Wheat Board shall be an agency operating for benefit of and in the interest of grain producers, with a duty to sell grain for the best available price whether in export or domestic markets, and shall not be used as an instrument of government to control domestic policy; but full recognition of the importance of the livestock industry shall be given by the Government of Canada, and that the Government shall take adequate measures to establish necessary reserves of feed grains whenever such action is deemed necessary."

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As will be seen, the resolution recognizes clearly the essential function of the Wheat Board, which is that of a marketing agency to serve the interests of the growers. It is not intended or desired that this Board shall be a board of arbitration between growers and feeders. At the same time a posiand feeders. At the same time, a positive responsibility rests with the Dominion Government itself, to see to it

inion Government itself, to see to it that reserves of feed grains are maintained for livestock growers. The two functions, both important, are quite distinct and separate.

Unity in Diversity

The decision of the Federation upon this subject was but one of many which point to the high degree of understanding and appreciation of one another's problems which has been attained through this great nation-wide organization of Canadian farmers and farm organizations, primary and commercial. Throughout the sessions at

Re-elected President



H. H. HANNAM

re-elected President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Saskatoon last week. Full list of officers is given elsewhere.

Saskatoon this spirit of unity was dom-

The present writer has taken advantage of the opportunity to attend a number of the annual meetings which have been held since the formation of the Federation in various centres, and at none in the past has there been clearer evidence of the manner in which farmers, from the East and the West and from Central Canada, engaged in the most diverse forms of farm production, have come, through their association in the Federation, to understand one another, and mutually to support one another in their efforts To Explore With Howe Coarse Grains Policy

As the outcome of a confer-As the outcome of a conter-ence between representatives of the Canadian Federation of Ag-riculture and Premiers Campbell of Manitoba, Douglas of Sask-atchewan, and Manning of Al-berta, held in Regina on Monday berta, held in Hegina on Monday of this week, it was agreed that a delegation representing the three prairie Governments and the Federation will interview Minister of Trade and Commerce Minister of Trade and Commerce Howe at the earliest possible date, with a view to exploring the proposal that coarse grains shall be marketed by the Canadian Wheat Board, acting "as a producers' agency". Under this plan, the Board's duty would be to sell grain for the best price available, whether in the export or the domestic market. or the domestic market.

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Now and then a difference in point of view upon some other questions than grain marketing may be expected, and this is all to the good — an entirely healthy sign. But today the essential unity of the whole farm movement is more clearly manifest than in any previous period in the Dominion's history.

Descriptions of many significant features of the Meeting, as well as recommendations on matters of first-rate importance, which we had hoped to be able to print in this issue, are unavoidably held over, in order that decisions of the Convention of the new Farmers' Union of Alberta (reported in part in January) and certain other matters, may be more fully covered at this time. The Saskatoon gathering will therefore be covered more ing will therefore be covered more

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St. LAURENT SAYS **BRITISH ARE NOT** LETTING US DOWN

"Doing Best Under Difficult Circumstances "-Balance of Payments Real Problem

TRADE NEED STRESSED

Prime Minister Discusses Role U.K. - Canada Committee on Economic Affairs

(Special to The Western Farm Leader) By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery OTTAWA, Feb. 2nd.—At the recent meeting in London of the United meeting in London of the United Kingdom-Canada Continuing Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, the whole range of the economic and trade relations of the two countries was reviewed "with special emphasis on the needs to maintain trade between the two countries at the highest possible level."

While this statement is in very general terms, its importance lies in the assertion that trade must be kept up as high as possible. In the face of present-day difficulties, there is no intention of neglecting this trade.

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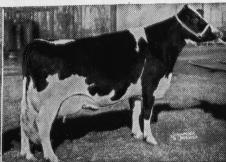
To Remove Specific Obstacles
In the Speech from the Throne at
the opening of the session, a paragraph states that "the government
is seeking to remove specific obstacles
to the continued sales of Canadian
products in our traditional export markets, and to that end is co operating
closely with the nations concerned in
the implementation of the Furguery the implementation of the European Recovery Program." Legislation will be passed at the session that is neces-

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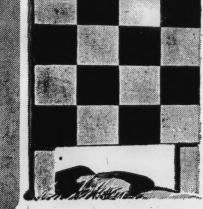
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



Canada Must Meet Own Butter Requirements

By D. H. McCallum, Alberta's Dairy Commissioner

FELLOW MEMBERS: Mr. D. H. McCallum, our Dairy Commissioner, has been very good in preparing a paper which I am sure will help to clear the picture re the question of margarine in the minds of some of our producers. Mr. McCallum has shown very clearly what bearing the shortage of butter has had on the matter of introducing margarine and has hopefully pointed out what might be a helpful solution, namely, production of more butter. The members of the S.A.D.P. know how I have, during the years, advocated the production of more butter.

Yours fraternally,

President.

THE average annual consumption of butter per capita in Canada is about 30 pounds (average 31.8 pounds 1937-1942, and 28.1 pounds 1943-1947). For the period 1937-1947 inclusive, Canadian dairymen not only met Dominion requirements, but provided an annual net surplus of 3,710,000 pounds of butter for

per cent. To meet the short- basis for other enterprises, age, the Dominion Government such as hogs and poultry. has arranged for the importa-tion of 15,680,000 pounds of may be more directly inter-butter. New Zealand, Australia ested in the trend of cream and Denmark will supply the butter contracted for.

The question arises — What might be the consequences of Canada's failure to produce her butter production, the south-own butter requirements for ern section is comprised of the own butter requirements for even a limited period of time? Obviously, one of two courses may be allowed to take per-manent direction. First, restrictions against butter from abroad could be relaxed. Countries situated as are New Zealand and Australia would be glad to supply our butter.

Secondly, in the face of an actual shortage of butter, pressure in favor of removing the ban against oleomargarine as a substitute has become so strong as to be successful.

Either Course Means Less Butter

These are the alternatives to producing butter for ourselves. We need not consider them at length in this article. Either course will reduce butter manufacturing in Alberta, which has provided an excellent supplementary source of cash farm income and the means of supplying permanence and balance in our farm effort. requirements of the dairy herd

Reduction of 10 per cent necessitate the production of It is estimated that the total crops, including hay and pasquantity of milk entering into ture, that fit into a rotation dethe production of butter in signed to conserve the soil Canada will be 81 million while fully utilizing it. Morepounds less in 1948 than in over, skim milk as a by-product 1947, a reduction of about 10 of producing cream provides a

> production for butter making in Southern Alberta.

Trend in Southern Alberta

For statistics on creamery (Continued on page 3)

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First Essential

The first essential to successful marketing is regular, dependable production. Consumers will not be denied, nor will tolerate whimsical production. In the case of butter overseas, supplies will soon become easier to obtain than at present. Nothing has fed the agitation for oleomargarine as strongly as the absolute shortage of the genuine article.

In large measure the butter situation for years to come, would seem to be in the hands



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five ten or twenty years' time.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

At the Annual Meeting — As I write these notes I am sitting in the rotunda of the Bessborough Hotel waiting for the afternoon session to start. The delegates are gathered in small groups discussing various phases of the convention. There are phases of the convention. There are men from every Province in the Dominion, men interested in every phase of our agricultural industry. The Press has a strong delegation present. They include reporters from farm papers, Canadian Press and others.

Governments are represented by

Governments are represented by Cabinet members and Department officable. Trade commissioners from Britain and the United States are attending all open sessions and for that matter, were asked to supply information on various topics.

One cannot help but stop and think about these things. We know full well why farmers and their organizations are represented. They have a job to do in co-ordinating agricultural policy as it affects farmers across Canada. Why the others? The press reprewhy the others: The press representatives are in attendance because what a national farm organization does is news. People in all walks of life want to know the decisions reached by farm organizations. It may have a bearing on their every day activities. Trade Commissioners will likely report convention decisions to

their respective countries. In other words, farm organization activities have international importance.

Our own government officials have responsibilities with regard to Agriculture so they in turn, want farm opinion and decisions first hand.

This wide interest in the Annual This wide interest in the Annual Meeting of our Canadian farmers' national organization can only mean one thing—that the C.F.A. is looked upon as the voice of Canadian Agriculture, a prestige that we as farmers should prize and do everything we can to preserve. It means that we must continue to build stronger farm organizations. serve. It means that we must continue to build stronger farm organizations in the Provinces and from those organizations we must choose our strongest and most able men to represent us on the Board of the C.F.A.

represent us on the Board of the C.F.A. Women's Section of C.F.A. — The C.F.A. has for some time considered the possibility of electing women Directors to represent the interests of Canadian Farm Women. The recent meeting fully endorsed such action and elected Mrs. Winifred Ross, Millet, to represent the Western Sections and Mrs. Campbell of Packham, Ontario,

to represent Eastern Canada.

This action should fill a long-felt need in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Equalization of Freight Rates Is Called for

By resolution of the Alberta Farm-s' Union Convention, it was urged:

"1. That the overcapitalization of the C.N.R. be written down to a basis

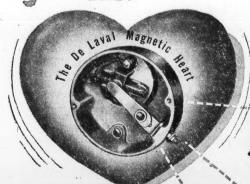
the C.N.R. be written down to a basis of actual investment in lines and necessary property;

"2. That freight rates be equalized on a ton-mile basis, and fixed on a level necessary to bring only a proper return on the Capital invested;

"3. Rates on other railways to be fixed by the Transport Commission on the same basis."

the same basis;
"4. Independent operation of the C.N.R. and the fullest possible use of same in the national interest."





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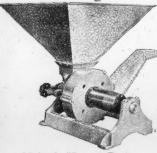
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DECISIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED

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The Board, it is stressed, should be an agency operating for the benefit of and in the interest of the grain producers, "with a duty to sell grain for the best available price whether in domestic or export markets"

At the same time, the Federation declares that it is the responsibility of the Dominion Government, in recognition of the importance of the livestock industry, to take measures to establish reserves of feed grains whenever such action is deemed necessary.

The proper functions of the Board and of the Government are thus clearly differentiated.

As the outcome of a conference in Regina, on Monday, a delegation representing the prairie Governments and the Federation will wait upon the Minister of Trade and Commerce to "explore the possibility" of making the Board to function in the manner proposed.

The Federation's proposal is sound, and it should be acceptable to all Governments concerned. We trust that the necessary measures will be taken without delay.

C.F.A. NOW POWERFUL FORCE

Nobody could have attended the recent public sessions of the thirteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Saskatoon without realizing that the Federation has now become a powerful and from the standpoint of the farm people's own interest, an indispensable force in Canada's economic life.

The adoption of sound agricultural policies both national and international fields are matters of great concern to every farm family. The future well-being of every family will be affected, for good or for ill, by decisions which governments may make in the days and years which lie immediately ahead. If agriculture across Canada can speak with a powerful voice—as it can through the Federation—then we may reasonably hope that policies designed to provide stability will be carried out.

The marvel is that so much has been done by so small a staff as that which the C.F.A. has been able to maintain at Ottawa. President Hannam, Secretary Groff and two lady assistants, have done a job in public relations for agriculture, which, we venture to suggest, no industrial or commercial body of comparable importance would expect to be able to do in behalf of its members, without the employment of a much larger staff and the spending of a great deal more money. We are glad that the Federation has now been able to add to its staff a highly qualified economist with an agricultural background in the person of Dr. Hope.

"Our staff in the national office," President Hannam pointed out in his address at Saskatoon, "is still small in numbers, but the various members are conscientious and efficient, and ANTICIPATION

Now, in these lengthening days, the hungry heart Turns yearningly towards the dawn of Spring. In wistful dreams the sullen snows depart And pasture rills in dappled sunlight sing. The fields and woods that impotent have lain While winter's cold lean hand has ruled the earth Rejoice in their release, and don again The festive robes of jubilant rebirth.

But lest our minds fall captive to our dreams, And passing days be drowned in discontent, Let us remember that on flowing streams And greening hills all beauty is not spent. Each season has its splendors—winter days Of shining strength demand their meed of praise. ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

none more so than our hard-working and favorably-known-across-Canada Secretary-Treasurer, whose ideal of service has, in my experience, rarely been equalled."

While "maintaining firmly its non-partisan position," Mr. Hannam stated (with the best of grounds for doing so) "the Federation has become an important factor in the political life of the country. . . . The Federation's participation and prestige has advanced internationally as well as nationally. In short, the organized farm people of Canada have arrived at the place where they are a factor and a power in every phase of the nation's life. That did not just happen. It has been possible because farmers from coast to coast have had the foresight and good sense to unite and stay united. they ever fall down on that fundamental there will be a different and a sadder story. Let us hope the full significance of this fact is thoroughly appreciated."

Mr. Hannam noted that the farm price index struck a downward trend during the latter half of 1948, while during the same period, increases went into effect on farm machinery, hardware, building materials, freight rates, protein feeds, and the farmers' cost of living went up

He quoted the Bank of Canada's statistical report just to hand, which shows that "the index for wholesale prices of farm products has dropped during the past year from 262 to 238, about 9 per cent. It started to slump early in the year, then recovered somewhat, then started again to drop and kept on dropping. On the other hand, the index for manufactured goods did not start dropping till late in the year, and has in the whole year dropped from 206 to 203, a matter of about 11/2 per cent."

Remarking that while the parity position is favorable slight decreases in the general farm price level and small decreases in some farm products will not be serious, Mr. Hannam added: "But a double-barrelled trend—of farm prices going down and costs remaining high or going higher—will soon undermine farm pros-perity. The danger is that it could and might develop into a period of general business reces-Because of this danger, maintenance of agriculture in a healthy economic position is vital to the national welfare."

Re-affirm Demand for Public Ownership of Power Development

Joint Convention in Calgary Takes Firm Stand re Provincial Power Plan

"We reaffirm our demand for the we realism our demand for the development of Alberta's power resources as a public utility along the lines of the Ontario and Manitoba systems and the rapid extension of rural electrification in the Province," declared the joint Convention in Cal-gary, attended by more than 600 de-legates, which organized the Farmers' Union of Alberta. The resolution on

the subject was adopted unanimously.

If the Government should hesitate to take action, the resolution suggested another plebiscite be held, "apart from any election or other extraneous issue."

State Issue Was Confused

It was set forth that "the recent plebiscite . . . was held during the heat of an election campaign and no effort was made by those in authority to give the people unbiased and adequate information, the result being a confused, sectional and indecisive vote which has settled nothing."

"Associated Power Conumers"

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Subsequent to the passing of the resolution, Mr. Shandro of an organization described as the Associated Power tion described as the Associated Power Consumers of Alberta was given a place on the program, and spoke for a few minutes, giving interesting figures and stating that the Provincial authorities were likely to give a substantial subsidy which might total 40 per cent of the cost of construction of rural enterprises. rural enterprises.

Mr. Shandro was twice asked by the Mr. Shandro was twice asked by the chairman, Henry G. Young, of Millet, whether his organization had broadcast in opposition to public ownership of power development shortly before the recent plebiscite. Mr. Young then pointed out that the question had not been answered, and said that the delegates would have to reach their consulvairse in the light of the situation.

clusions in the light of that situation.

A motion to endorse Mr. Shandro's association had been made from the floor, but the delegates decided to refer the matter to the new Board.

Ask Detailed Study

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The Convention asked the Alberta
Federation of Agriculture "to set up
a committee to make a detailed study
of rural electrification in the United
States, particularly regarding government ownership and generation of
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than \$10 a head on coyotes and \$50 a head on timber wolves, the year round. Quite a number of delegates who had first-hand information on the seriousness of the situation in their own districts, spoke effectively on this resolution. Speaking of the menace of timber wolves, one delegate from a foothills area said it was necessary to bring cattle into corrals every night, and consequently the cattle could not be raised at a profit. be raised at a profit.

Dairy Farmers Ask Floor Price 62 Cents for Next Five Years

of 62 cents per pound for the next five years, and early removal of ceil-ing prices, were urged by the Dairy Farmers of Canada in annual meeting in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmon-

The meeting asked for a minimum producer price for milk for manufactured whole milk products, in 1949, of \$3.25 per 100 pounds for 3.5 per cent milk

Delegates asked that the recent ruling allowing importation of margarine into Canada be appealed to the Privy Council and that in the meantime margarine offered for sale should be plainly identified as such by distinctive coloring.

Co-ops Handle 23 Per Cent

Twenty-three per cent of all dairy products marketed in Canada in 1947 were handled by co-operatives, said R. S. Stanley, General Manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, in presenting the report of the dairy co-operatives' section to the general meeting. Sales of all farm products by co-operatives, in 1947, had increased by some \$125 millions over those for

by co-operatives, in 1947, had increased by some \$125 millions over those for the previous year, all products except honey and wool showing increases.

Stanley Speaks

Dairy co-operatives should work together closely, said Mr. Stanley, to improve methods of manufacture and of merchandising. He suggested that the "continuous churn" which of merchandising. He suggested that use of the "continuous churn" which turns out wrapped and labelled prints of butter would cut down production costs. Such churns, used now experimentally in the U.S.A., are being used in large plants in several European

The impact of such a change as the import and sale of margarine upon the dairy industry, said Mr. Stanley, would affect the whole farming industry; dairying, he declared, is the foundation of a prosperous agricultural a prosperous agricultural economy.

Officers Elected

Gilbert MacMillan, Huntingdon, Quebec, was elected president; J. I. Vallantyne, Atwood, Ontario, was chosen vice-president and F. J. Goodman, Winnipeg, second vice-president; while S. Erle Kitchen, Woodstock, Ontario, continues as secretary-manager of the organization.

On the executive are Alex Mercer, Vancouver; Roy Link, Oshawa; J. Frank Way, Ingersoll and Dr. H. C. Bois Montreal.

R. H. M. Bailey, Edmonton and F. W. Maddocks, Entwistle, represent Alberta on the board of directors.

Hon. David Ure, Minister of Agriculture for the Province, was one of the speakers at an enjoyable banquet held following the business sessions.

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All-Canadian Holstein winners have been named by a committee of judges at the leading Canadian shows in 1948. While Ontario took the largest block

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A Thought and a Few Hints for Poultry Men and Women

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool is marketing for its patrons a tremendous volume of poultry products and this department of our business is growing each year. In recognition of this very important department of our organization we dedicate this page to the men and women who consider their poultry and egg activities to be an important part of their farm operations.

TOO MUCH MONEY

This year's turkey situation was rather unsatisfactory all round. The consumer didn't like it because the retail price was much too high. The retailer didn't like it because he, too, was afraid he'd be stuck, particularly with the heavy weights. The wholesaler cut down his orders because he thought he might have to carry turkeys over into January at high prices. As for the producer — well, it depends on whether he had any turkeys to sell. If he did have any, he was wooed by every dealer in the country; if he didn't, he wished he had so he could cash in on the fancy prices that were going.

Underlying all this was the fact that Canadian farmers had only two million turkeys this year when over three million are normally required. This meant that for thousands of consumers, a Christmas turkey was out of the question. They bought hams or did without. We now know that when turkeys sell for more than 60 cents a pound retail most consumers consider them a luxury.

The poultry industry cannot afford to have turkeys classed as luxury food in the public's mind. Turkey raising is a profitable cash crop, especially in Western Canada, and one which ought to be retained. Yet, if producers do not produce sufficient turkeys to meet domestic needs at prices consumers can afford to pay, they cannot complain if the consumer turns them down. Turkey is a traditional holiday meat, but the habit of eating it can be lost quickly if the price is too far out of reach, as it has been this year.

The above editorial appeared in a leading Canadian paper, and should give us food for thought. There were certainly too many heavy birds produced last year, and thought should be given as to the advisability of going back to the smaller breeds for this season.

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Winter Culling

Too many farm flock owners fail to do any culling during winter months and as a result feed costs and mortality costs often add up to more than current income and may build up a backlog of loss to offset any subsequent pickup in production during the spring months.

One of the most effective methods of combating this situation is to repeatedly cull the birds that show dried, shrivelled combs, and such birds can usually be spotted sitting on the roosts or grouped together by themselves.

There is an additional angle to winter culling that should not be overlooked, that is in connection with the flock that for one reason or another has done little or no laying during the late fall or winter months. We know of such a flock at the present time, a flock of several hundred Leghorn pullets which started off with a setback caused by disease, and since recovery have been "on again, off again" in production. The owner has about decided the thing to do is to liquidate the flock, a move which, in my opinion is fully justified.

More and more, signs are pointing to lower margins between costs and selling price, and for this reason, the only course of action left is the one that will result in maximum production at production costs.

Order Baby Chicks Early in Year

Order baby chicks early—now is not too early—and when you order, make a definite arrangement with the hatcheryman as to when the chicks are to be delivered.

Plan carefully before placing your order. Decide whether you want an egg-producing breed, a meat breed, or a dual-purpose breed. Know exactly how many chicks you can handle with the equipment you have. Better to order 100 chicks and have them grow to profitable maturity than to buy 200 and lose half of them from over-crowding, chilling, or other results of poor planning or lack of equipment.

poor planning or lack of equipment.

Check all equipment. Clean and disinfect the brooder house. Check and clean the brooder stove, and be sure before the chicks are ordered that you will be able to get enough fuel to carry you through the season. Baby chicks and poults are delicate creatures and they need a dependable and controlled source of heat just as much as a human baby does. One bad chilling or excessive heat can cut a big

hole in your poultry profits, so don't run risks. If you use ready-mixed starter feeds, be sure your dealer will have a supply when you need them. An advance order here is good insurance, too.

January Chicks (?)

January chicks are not all impractical; in fact, there are some good reasons why they should be considered. For example, they can be brooded at a time when other work may not interfere. Brooding during cold weather usually means more uniform temperature in brooder houses with less danger from overheating. This means rapid growth and fewer stunted chicks.

January chicks will make good fryers at a time when prices are usually good, and the pullets should be ready for production about July 1.

Some of the disadvantage of Janu-

Some of the disadvantage of January chicks might be cold, wet spring weather and a full house of half grown birds with no range facilities; pullets ready for laying long before housing room can be provided, and this would probably mean a costly molt.

Don't buy January chicks unless you are prepared to meet these conditions and have had sufficient experience to give them the proper management.

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Ask Price of Wheat Sold to Britain Be Set for Two Years Ahead

Union Convention Takes Action on Many Issues Confronting Agriculture

"We ask the Dominion Government to endeavor to keep the price of wheat to Britain arranged for two years ahead, so that Canadian producers can plan their production accordingly," read a resolution adopted by the Farmers' Union of Alberta following its formation in Calgary.

It was further recommended that in setting the price the Dominion Government "have regard not only to the lower than world price paid by Britain in the past few years, but also to the high price paid by Britain for the measure of liberty enjoyed by us and the rest of the world today."

It was set forth that "if it should be found necessary to sell below the market price to Great Britain, the loss be borne by the Canadian revenue."

The Ottawa Government was requested "to authorize the Canadian Wheat Board to raise the final price of all wheat to \$2 a bushel for the first five-year period, from 1945 to 1950, basis Ft. William and Vancouver."

That the Dominion Government "take steps to promote an international wheat agreement, based upon a formula similar to the U.S. Parity Price formula," was the subject of another resolution. It proposed that "the agreement to be renegotiated"

"the agreement to be renegotiated each five years." This resolution was referred to the Directors, who were instructed to work out a formula.

The Alberta Government was asked to pass legislation at the next session, to implement Dominion legislation for the handling of coarse grains through

Dominion Government was

New Union Urges That Government Bear 50%

Convention after convention, representatives of Alberta rural people have called upon the Alberta Government to "bear at least 50 per cent of the cost of primary and secondary education." The convention in Calgary which formed the new Farmers' Union of Alberta took such a course. Henry E. Spencer, former President of the Alberta Association of School Trustees, and of the Alberta Educational Council, strongly supported the resolution. The new President of these bodies, Rudolph Hennig, supports the policy with equal strength.

Call for Clear Title for Veterans of World War I

Granting of clear titles to those veterans of World War I who remain on the land, and cancellation of "all other debts owing the government agency by these people, or their widows," were recommendations made unanimously by the new Farmers' Union of Alberta, in convention in Calgary.

Calgary.

The resolution pointed out that "the cost of administering the affairs of the Soldiers' Settlement Board has been a drain on the Canadian taxpayers for 30 years"; that "the scheme under which the veterans of World War I were settled on land has proved ruinous to many veterans"; and that "there are still some veterans who have nothing to will to their heirs but indebtedness to the S.S.B."

J. L. McMillan, President of the Veterans' Section of the F.U.A., spoke strongly in support of the resolution.

urged to pass legislation to create a National Grain Board to market all grains, "Western grain producers" to be "given adequate representation on said Board, chosen by and from direct membership farm organizations." The resolution referred to the "great measure of victory" of the grain trade which it stated had been attained when "stabilized control" was abandoned except in the case of wheat. doned except in the case of wheat.

Changes in Income Tax Regulations

A detailed resolution on the subject of income tax was adopted, a considerable number of its features being the same as items embodied in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture's submission on this subject. It was asked that in the case of dispersal sales of livestock, "an equivalent number of animals to those owned on January 1st, 1941, be considered a capital asset, and not subject to income tax, this to apply to horses, sheep and hogs, as well as cattle." Other recommendations included raising of exemptions to \$1,500 for single persons and A detailed resolution on the subject mendations included raising of exemptions to \$1,500 for single persons and \$3,000 for married persons; and proportional increase for dependents; allowance for labor of farm families in farm production; "no responsibility for income tax on wages paid to farm help"; choosing by the organized farmers of at least four representatives on a thirteen-man appeal headprovision for final clearance of all tax-payers within two years; "no special exemptions to any class, but full provision for proper expenses"; simplifi-cation of income tax forms; uniformity of interpretation and administration of income tax; brushing and breaking of new land to be considered a current

of new land to be considered a current expense.

More 'adequate compensation to farmers who have oil wells drilled on their land was called for, "to cover not only property damage but also general depreciation and loss of social and community value. An alternative plan for farmers in areas where oil is actually discovered was recommended. This would give them "the option of surrendering their land to the oil companies in exchange for a cash settlepanies in exchange for a cash settle-

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It was proposed that "in our educational system we introduce such character development training as is in line with the facts of human life and can be agreed upon by the various brands of religion"; and "that we

urge other nations to adopt similar procedure."

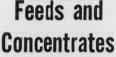
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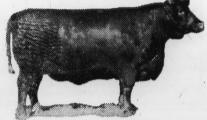
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The Board of the Union was requested to drive for "majority representation from the bona fide direct membership farmer organizations of Alberta on the A.F.A."

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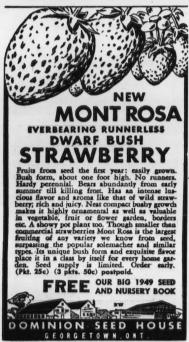
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Features of Provincial Seed Fair and Short Course

Howard Roppel, Rockyford, and Olga Pawlowski, Vilna, winners in the wheat and oats classes respectively in the junior section of the Provincial Seed Fair held in Calgary last week, were winners last year in the same

Other junior exhibitors taking first place were R. L. Poynton, Vauxhall (flax); W. A. Colman, Coronado (spe-cial maiting barley); Henry S. Unrich, cial malting barley); Henry S. Unrich, Vauxhall (feed barley); and Tillie A. Elnik, Hairy Hill (open barley). Rockyford Junior Grain Club took first place in wheat, Clive Junior Grain

Club in oats, and Harvest Home Junior Grain Club in oats, and Harvest Home Junior Grain Club in feed barley.

Joe Tell, Brooks, placed first with his winter wheat; A. McRae, Federal, with brome grass; E. Nanninga, Neerlandia, with sweet clover; H. E. Craig, Edmonton, with alsike; R. Barton, Stewartfield, with altaswede; and Victor Water Andrew With creening red fescue. son, Airdrie, with creeping red fescue.

Controls in Britαin

Government controls over farming in Britain were discussed by Prof. Harold Saunders of the University of Reading, England, during the short course held in conjunction with the seed fair. The National Farmers' Union had helped draft the legislation under which controls began during wartime, and farmers were helping to administer it. The speaker also described the five-year plan to become fifty per cent self-sufficient in food production. At pres-ent, he said, Great Britain is the most highly mechanized farming country in

Livestock losses through disease were the subject of an address by Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, Provincial director of veterinary services; and Gordon R. Sterling, of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, spoke on the place of chemicals in weed control; "although 2,4-D is a wonderful chemical," he warner, "it is not a cure-all." It had been particularly effective with stinkweed and thistle.

The urgent need for soil conservation measures was stressed by Hon. David

Ure, Minister of Agriculture. R. H. Painter, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, spoke on insect pests; and other speakers included Dr. Fred Bentley of Edmonton and Fred Miller, principal of the Olds School of Agriculture.

More than half Canada's exports in 1948 went to the U.S.A.

Wheat-Oats Classes POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Jan. 19th.—U.S. grants loan of \$100 Israel

Jan. 20th .- Nehru charges Netherattack on Indonesian republic is "challenge to newly-awakened Asia." In inaugural address Truman outlines plan for American aid in raisoutlines plan for American and in rais-ing standards of backward peoples; says defence agreements give warning that armed attack will be resisted. British exports at all-time high—at end of December total was 150 per cent of 1938 figure.

Jan. 21st.—Chiang Kai-Shek turns over official duties to President Li

Tsung-jen, leaves Nanking for old home in south.

Jan. 22nd.—Li Tsung-jen says he is ready to open peace talks with Com munists.

Jan. 23rd .- Chinese Communists advance in force towards Nanking. Russia wants and needs peace, declares Italian Communist leader Togliatti. Asian conference at New Delhi demands UN take action to end Netherlands' rule in Indonesia.

Jan. 24th.—Cabinet approves recog-

nition of Israel, states London despatch. Israeli-Egyptian peace talks resumed on Rhodes, after near break-down. Scandinavian defence conferdown. Scandinavian defence conter-ence (Norway, Sweden, Denmark) breaks up after three days, without working out common defence policy. Jan. 25th.—Russia, Argentina, send

representatives to wheat conference in Washington; forty-four nations taking part. Moscow announces plan for mutual economic aid by Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Czecho-slovakia, Hungary, Chinese govern-ment believed transferring headquarters'from Nanking to Canton. Moderate labor parties lead in Israeli elec tions. Bevin says Britain will co-operate with Truman plan to aid backward countries.

Jan. 26th.—Reversing previous deci-

sion, German denazification court frees von Papen, Hitlerian diplomat. U.S. can best maintain peace by making it clear "attack affecting our national security would be met with overwhelming force," says Dean Acheson in first news conference as secretary of state. U.S. wholesale food says Dean prices lowest since controls removed.



SAM CARR

Jan. 27th. Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, Nether-lands, Belgium, Luxembourg, begin two-day meeting on military and political matters. Nationalist and Communist leaders in China accuse each other of stalling peace moves. Sam Carr, Cana-dian L.P.P. or-

ganizer, arrested in New York; to face espionage charges.

Jan. 28th.—Britain exstantial reduction" in expects "subwheat price agreed on a year ago, stated at Washington wheat conference. UN security council calls on Netherlands to reinstate Indonesian republic government. Foreign Ministers of five West Euro-pean countries announce "council of

Furney " will be set up.

Jan. 29th—Britain, Belgium, Holland,
Luxembourg, announce decision to
grant "de facto" recognition to Israel. Russian Ministry of Foreign
affairs charges Atlantic Pact is attempt to undermine UN. Communists mount batteries across river from Nanking. Chinese Communists de-Nanking. Chinese Communists de-mand "war criminals", including Chiang Kai-Shek, be arrested before peace negotiations begin.

Jan. 30th.—Stalin says he has no objection to meeting Truman, at some mutually acceptable place, to discuss a mutual peace declaration.

Jan. 31st.—U.S. has new and more

Ask Canadian Bill of Rights

Preparation by the Dominion Government and enactment by Parliament of a "Canadian Citizens' Bill of Rights" was called for by the Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta meeting in Calgary in January.

The resolution set forth that "no citizen of this country can be said to

citizen of this country can be said to be fully free until his freedom of speech and of assembly, of the press, of political belief and of religion, and his rights in the courts and in his home have been fully protected and made forever secure by Act of Parliament."

powerful atomic bombs, announces atomic energy commission's report to Congress. Virtually all woollen cloth garments removed from ration in Britain. Truman grants full recognition to Israel and to Trans-Jordan.

Feb. 1st.—Argentina halts all imports and exports pending study of financial policies. Hungary becomes "People's Republic". Speed of 1,800 miles per hour claimed for new plane, in report from Cleveland, U.S.

Feb. 2nd.—Stalin invites Truman to meet him in any of five Russian cities or in Poland or Czechoslovakia. Bunche suggests division of Negeb, not acceptable to Israeli. Korean civil war

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Quick Picture of Margarine--Butter Situation in U.S.

Interesting Figures Given at Saskatoon by U.S. Agri-cultural Attache

Valuable and detailed information upon the widely varying policies fol-lowed in the states south of the inter-national border in respect to taxation of oleomargarine and regulation of its of oleomargarine and regulation of its manufacture and sale were presented to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Saskatoon last week by F. Flood, Agricultural Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Federal Taxes

There is a Federal tax in the United States of 10 cents per lb. on colored margarine and a tax of one-quarter of a cent on uncolored. Manufacturers a cent on uncolored. Manufacturers pay a tax or license of \$600, while wholesalers pay \$480 for handling of colored and \$200 for handling uncolored margarine; and correspondingly, retailers pay \$48 and \$6. The U.S. has a tariff of 7 cents per lb. on imported margarine plus an internal revenue tax of 15 cents. The Federal taxes have been unchanged since 1931, but were "nearly wiped out at the last session of Congress and probably will be wiped out at this session," said Mr. Flood.

Among the 48 states there are widely different conditions ranging from no restrictions at all in many, to the most restrictions at all in many, to the most severe restrictions in Wisconsin, which prohibits the sale of colored margarine and has an excise tax of 15 cents on uncolored, plus a dealer's tax of another 15 cents, while there is a 6 cents use tax paid by consumers on all margarine purchased outside the state. In addition, there is a license fee of \$1,000 a year which must be paid by every manufacturer, a \$500 license by every manufacturer, a \$500 license fee for wholesalers and \$2 fee for retailers

Prohibited in 19 States

Nineteen states in all prohibit the nineteen states in all prohibit the sale of colored margarine, and eight have excise taxes on uncolored, ranging from 5 cents to 15 cents per lb. Eleven states have excise taxes of 10 cents, usually on margarine containing foreign materials; this means margarine made from oils and fats other than those derived from domestic than the derived from domestic than the derived from the d tic materials. Two states (Wyoming and Minnestota) have an extra tax of 10 cents on margarine not containing a specified minimum of animal fat.

States which have a manufacturers' license tax number 9, the tax ranging from \$1 in Minnesota to \$1,000 in Wyoming. Fourteen states have whole-salers' taxes, ranging from \$1 in some to \$500 in Wisconsin, \$200 in Idaho and \$1,000 in Montana. Four states im-\$1,000 in Montana, Four states impose a dealers' tax on bakeries, restaurants, hotels, etc.

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Honors in Barley Contest

In the third annual barley contest sponsored by the brewing and malting interests of Canada, the Alberta winner of the farmers' competition was Fred Radford, Bowden, while D. R. Carlyle, Blackfalds, took top honors for the Province in the seed growers' competition. Second place in the Alberta farmers' contest was taken by Wesley Houchin, Bowden, and third by John P. Ingram, Bentley. In the seed growers' competition James W. Bussey, Airdrie, was in second place, G. U. Horton, Heinsburg, in third, and Nicholas Symyrozum, Colinton, in fourth. Mr. Radford has won a total of \$500 so far and Mr. Carlyle \$275; both are, of course eligible for inter-Provincial honors.

Repeal of Present Auto Indemnity Act Is Asked New Plan Is Suggested

Urging the Alberta Government to "repeal or amend the present Automobile Indemnity Act," the Alberta Farmers' Union, in Convention in Calgary, asked that "a plan similar to that in Saskatchewan, under which all that in Saskatchewan, under which all cars and trucks are insured at a minimum cost" be provided. It was stated that the present Automobile Indemnity Act "is unsatisfactory, as it provides no insurance, and merely leaves motorists in the hands—of private in-

surance companies."

The changes asked for, in line with the Saskatchewan plan, were set forth as follows:

"1. Standard coverage of public liability and property damage insurance to be automatically provided at cost through the Provincial Insurance office and issued with each car and truck license.

Fire and theft insurance and any additional coverage desired, to be obtainable on an optional basis, through the Provincial office."

corn, cotton-seed and peanuts went into margarine in 1947, as compared with about 10 per cent pre-war.

Since 1945, one state has eliminated license fees, and two have reduced them, and two have repealed prihibitions against colored margarine. In two others, the attorneys-general two others, the attorneys-general have stated that the laws do not prohibit the sale of colored margarine.

1948 Will Give New Record
In 1947 there was a record production of margarine of 746 million lbs, and when the figures for 1948 are available it is expected that a new record of 860 million will be established. lished. Production in recently preceding years has been: 1946, 532 million; 1945, 525 million; 1937 to 1941 inclusive (average), 354 million lbs.

It is interesting to compare the trends in consumption of margarine and butter. Pre-war consumption of margarine was 2.7 lbs. per capita, but margarine was 2.7 lbs. per capita, but by 1946 the average was up to 3.8, and it continued to rise to 5 lbs. in 1947 and to 6 lbs. in 1948. Consumption of colored was 3.4 per cent of the total in 1946 and is now 6 per cent.

Butter consumption ranged from 16 to 18 lbs. per capita from 1912 to 1941, since when it has been as follows: 1942, 15.7 lbs.; 1943, 11.7; 1944, 12; 1945, 10.8; 1946, 10.3; 1947, 11.2.

Butter and Margarine Prices
Average prices to the consumer of

Average prices to the consumer of butter and margarine over a term of

years are shown below: Year But Butter Margarine (uncolored) 28.6c 16.6c 1932-41 34.80 1942-46 54.3c 80.5c 24.4c 40.8c 1947 1948 (Jan. to Mar.) 90.2c 41.4c
Domestic vegetable oils account for

95 per cent of the oils and fats used in margarine; cottonseed and soy bean oils alone making up 91 per cent of the total.

Beef and veal exports from Canada to the U.S. in 1948 totalled upwards of 85 million pounds.

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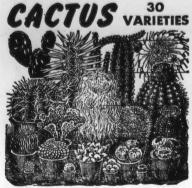
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Amalgamation Widens Our Opportunities

Comox, B.C.

When one moves to a new home, for a time, at least, I think the news from the old either by person, by letter from the old either by person, by letter or by the papers plays a big part. So it was with very great interest I heard and read of the amalgamation of the two farm bodies in Alberta. As it had been something I very much hoped would be consummated, I was naturally very pleased and I was glad to be the very the very super playing. see the part the women were playing. I cannot but feel our opportunities are widened and with that naturally goes the increased responsibility of officers and members in order to make sure and members in order to make sure of being an even greater factor for the improvement of life for all, but especially for those in the rural districts. By the way, wasn't Isa Grindley Jackson's poem in the last issue of this paper a year timely wery fine of this paper a very timely, very fine

Of course, one's interests are not entirely in the past. That would, indeed, be pitiful, because there is so much of interest, so much to enjoy and so many things to do, even in the interim stage before one gets really settled.

More Social Life

My experience may not be at all typical, but in a more thickly settled community I find there is more social life. There are, of course, the church activities. There is a very active Parent Taracher Association here. I attended Teacher Association here. I attended a meeting the other night. I might say that the cold was not as intense, but the blizzard would have done Alberta credit. Of course—"Very unusual" I am assured. Despite that, the room was full and a very "alive" evening spent making plans for a big event they are staging. As that one occasion means an afternoon tea,

raffles, stalls for home cooking and a rummage sale, a whist drive and a dance, you can well see that planning was necessary. Their theory was that it was better to have one big event rather than a series of small ones in order to raise funds for some schoolground improvements for the children's play. This was followed by an address on School Administration in Alberta, as they wished to learn of that.

Another evening I attended the annual meeting of the Credit Union and their report showed it was making great progress here. A most enthusiastic speaker enlarged on its possibilities and the great factor it could be in developing the print of the country. be in developing the spirit of co-operation and working toward a real democracy, as well as being very often a help in need. I attended an Agri-cultural meeting with a speaker giving advice regarding the diseases of

I must admit I attended these meetings partly to learn and partly to see the type of people who attended and their interest.

A Gorgeous Spectacle

And I have had two evenings at the movies of which I am not usually a fan. But I found "Life with Father" as amusing as it had been advertised and I found "Henry V" a most gorgeous spectacle which fills one with wonder of the film world and also with increased interest in the old Shake-

which even more of you may have is the reading of "The Road to Sur-vival" by William Vogt which I have just finished. It is published in Cana-



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Do try and get a copy. Yours sincerely, H. ZELLA SPENCER.

News of Women's Locals
(After this issue the initials
"F.W.U.A."—Farm Women's Union of
Alberta—will be used in the title of Locals.)

In appreciation of her services as secretary of Westlock U.F.W.A. for eight years, Mrs. B. C. Alton was presented with a handsome lamp recently.

A talk on fabrics, by Miss Whaley, was "educational and interesting," writes Mrs. E. Dorland, secretary of Edmonton U.F.W.A.

Used clothing is being collected by Loyalty U.F.W.A. (Huxley for European children. Arrangements were made recently for a whist drive, bingo, and fish pond social.

Reading of a New Year's poem was required by Gwynne U.F.W.A. in response to the roll call at their January meeting. Payment of dues was deferred pending reports from the joint convention in Calgary.

Proceeds of a card party, \$21, were turned over by Notre Dame U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton) to the U.E.F.B. A gift was presented to Mrs. J. Henderson, writes Mrs. J. P. Gittins, "as a small token of appreciation of her services as secretary for the past fourteen years."

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Extends Greetings to Alberta Farm Women

In the letter below, the Executive of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta appeals to all Locals and also to communities where women have not previously been members of any farm group, for whole-hearted support in the building and extension of the organization throughout the Province.

Dear Fellow Members:

We wish to extend greetings from the new executive of the Farm Wo-men's Union of Alberta to all former U.F.W.A. locals and to all locals of the former A.F.U. This is our initial letter but, from time to time, you will hear from us throughout the coming

year.
You will have received from press reports, and from the reports of delegates and visitors to the Calgary convention, a very complete picture of the amalgamation convention.

Methods of Reorganization

It is not our purpose to deal with the convention in this letter, but rather with the necessary re-arrangements which follow in the locals as a result of the amalgamation of the two organizations. We wish to direct your attention to a letter which will be sent out from your central office outlining methods which you could use in effecting this re-organization. We wish

to emphasize that any six resident farm women may themselves meet to-gether and form a new local of the F.W.U.A., of their own accord. We in-vite all farm women regardless of previous affiliations to join our new or-

In particular, we address our appeal to communities where the women of the district have not been previously members of any farm group. In this respect, we solicit the active help and co-operation of the farm men, who are members of the organization, that they

members of the organization, that they lend their whole-hearted support to the formation of new women's locals. Or, on the other hand, if for any reason the men and women of a district prefer to retain joint membership in the local, that the women be encouraged to join.

"Alert—Informed—United"

We make this appeal for a large and informed body of farm opinion at a significant period in the history of our Province. At this time we are standing on the threshold of a new era. We shall have in the near future an expansion of industrial development, and a consequent increase of provincial revenue, which, if wisely expended, could provide education and social services for all our people to a degree ed, could provide education and social services for all our people to a degree hitherto undreamed of. It is of special importance therefore, that an alert and informed and united body of farm opinion see to it that the rural areas receive a proportion of the Provincial expenditure in keeping with their needs and the important position they occupy in the life of the Province.

Of World-Wide Importance

Further, we must keep in mind that through our Provincial and national

ruther, we must keep in mind that through our Provincial and national affiliation by way of the Federation of Agriculture, the scope of our work and influence is of world-wide importance. Economic co-operation on a new scale

Economic co-operation on a new scale is being practised.

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out the world. Sirely no organization has a greater opportunity to serve, not only ourselves, but our fellow men. We mark the close of one period of organized effort on the part of farm people of this Province. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The success or failure of this new entersuccess or failure of this new enter-prise is entirely the responsibility of the farm men and women of Alberta.

With cordial good wishes to all our present members, and to all those who join our ranks, for a very happy and successful year, we are,

Very sincerely, VERA LOWE, President. MARY B. PHARIS, 1st Vice-Pres. SUSAN M. GUNN, 2nd Vice-Pres.

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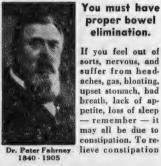
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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT, Superintendent of Publicity, Alberta Wheat Pool

The discussions which are taking place in Washington on an international wheat agreement, and the an-nounced terms of the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement, hold the spotlight in the wheat world this week.

Terms of Agreement Under the terms of the United King-

The Dairy Market

Prices stand at the ceilings; locally prints are 67 cents and butterfat 69 cents. There are the usual deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent for train cream, with a maximum of 35 cents for transportation.

dom - Canadian wheat agreement, Great Britain will pay \$2.00 a bushel for 140,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to be delivered in the crop year 1949-50. That price is basis 1 northern at the Canadian terminal, plus a carrying charge of 5 cents a bushel. The British Government will pay the freight from Fort William-Port Arthur, Vancouver or Churchill. The same \$2.00 price prevails during the present \$2.00 price prevails during the present crop year.
The Canadian and British Govern-

ments have agreed that their representatives will meet not later than July 31st, 1950, to settle any obligations which may then still be out-standing. The extent to which any such obligations will remain will depend largely upon the actual prices prevailing for wheat during 1949-50, and could be settled either by a cash and could be settled either by a cash payment or by the extension of the agreement. The latter would, of course, depend upon the discussions which are taking place in Washington

on an international wheat agreement.

Conference in Washington

Little information has been forthcoming from the conference in Washington. However, both Russia and Arington. gentina have representatives attend-ing, thus completing the representa-tion of all the major wheat surplus countries. Neither Argentina nor Russia were present when the wheat agreement was being drawn up last

while conditions are less favorable than last year from the standpoint of exporting countries, delegates express considerable hope that a satisfactory agreement can be drawn up. -0

FARMERS' UNION (Continued from page 7)

By vote of the delegates a resolution which had been on the agenda expressing "sympathy with secession of Western Canada from Eastern Canwas expunged from the records.

C.F.A. CONVENTION

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fully in our second February number.
Stabilization Dominant Note
In the addresses of officers of the

In the addresses of officers of the Federation and in contributions made by other highly qualified speakers, from the platform and the floor, the need for stabilized markets at home and abroad and the measures which might be taken as a means to their attainment, were dominant notes. These matters were strongly stressed in the recommendations made by the

meeting.

But in a dozen other fields also, those present dealt with issues of pressing importance to all Canadian farm people—in their roles as produc-

Livestock Market Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 31st. EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 31st.

—The cattle market last week was marked by a somewhat depressed feeling, prices closing about 50 cents lower than a week earlier. Practical top on steers was \$19, bulk of sales ranging from \$15 to \$18; choice heifers cold around \$1750 to \$18; down to \$15. for medium; good light cows traded up to \$15, good heavies \$14 to \$14.50; Grade A hogs were \$29, for shipment, 27.50 at plants.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 1st-Grade A hogs sold today \$28.35, a drop from last week's top of \$29.10. Good to choice steers were \$18 to \$18.75, down to \$15 for common; heifers, \$17 to \$18, down to \$14 for common; good vealers \$19 to \$20, down to \$15 for

C.F.A. Officers for 1949

H. H. Hannam was re-elected president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, at the annual convention in Saskatoon, and W. J. Parker, Manitoba, and J. A. Marlon, Quebec, first and second vice-presidents. As announced elsewhere, Mrs. Winifred Ross of Alberta and Mrs. C. A. Campbell of Ontario were chosen to represent farm women on the Board. Other Board members are as follows:

B.C. Federation of Agriculture—J. R. J. Stirling, Kelowna; Percy French, Vernon; and Alex Mercer, Vancouver. Alberta Federation of Agriculture—Roy Marler, Bremner; George E. Church, Calgary and E. H. Keith, Sexsmith. Saskatchewan Federation—George Wright, Saskaton; J. H. Wes-H. H. Hannam was re-elected presi-

smith. Saskatchewan Federation—George Wright, Saskatoon; J. H. Wesson, Regina; and Gordon Loveridge, Grenfell. Manitoba Federation—C. E. Wood, Marquette; W. J. Parker, Winnipeg; F. H. Downing, Winnipeg. Ontario Federation—H. H. Hannam, Ottawa; R. W. Morrison, Toronto; R. A. Stewart, Almonte; Jack Broderick, St. Catharines. Quebec Farm Forums—Gordon Shufelt, East Farnham. Quebec Farmers' Union—J. A. Marion, Montreal. Co-operative Federee de Quebec—Henri Bois, Montreal. Maritime Federation—E. A. Power, River Glade, N.B.; Henry Vaughan, Windsor, N.S. P.E.I. Federation— Lewis O'Connor, P.E.I. P.E.I.

United Grain Growers of Canada John E. Brownlee, Winnipeg. Dairy Farmers of Canada—Gilbert MacMillan, Huntingdon, Quebec. Canadian Horticultural Council—L. F. Burrows,

Colin G. Groff is Secretary-Treasurer.

ers and consumers and as citizens. As is customary, the Directors held a day's session prior to the two days' public sessions, at which, following an address of welcome by Hon. I. C. Noladdress of welcome by Hon. I. C. Nol-let, Minister of Agriculture for Sask-

let, Minister of Agriculture for Sask-atchewan, the year's activities were re-viewed by President H. H. Hannam and Secretary-Treasurer Colin G. Groff. The program included an address on International Commodity Agreements by George N. McConnell, Vice-Presi-dent of Manitoba Pool Elevators, and a discussion of Floor Prices for Farm Products by the Federation economist, Dr. E. C. Hope, who presented a form-Dr. E. C. Hope, who presented a formula for determining "parity prices"; a discussion of Public Radio in Canada a discussion of Public Radio in Canada led by Leonard Harman of the United Farmers' Co-operative, Toronto; and of the National Farm Radio Forum, by Joseph Galway, National Secretary. Dr. R. D. Sinclair, Dean of Agriculture, University of Alberta, outlined a Soil Conservation Program. Hon. George Hoadley, head of the Health Study Bureau, and Miss M. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer of the Bureau, attended all sessions, Miss Stewart presenting the report on health matters.

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F. Flood, Agricultural Attache at the U.S. Embassy at Ottawa, and W. F. Coventry, British Trade Commissioner, Winnipeg, spoke briefly. A luncheon tendered by Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers and Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives, and a banquet by the Government of Saskatchewan addressed by Premier T. C. Douglas were features of the week.

The Directors met for two days following the open sessions.

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Two Women for Federation

Farm Women of Canada were given special recognition at the Annual Con-vention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Saskatoon last week by the appointment of two who have played an important role as leaders in the organization of farm women to the Board of the Federation. At the same time there was set up, as the culmination of plans which had been under consideration for some time past, a national Farm Women's Committee. The Committee is an integral part of the Canadian Federation of

part of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.
Appointed to the C.F.A. Board are Mrs. Winnifred Ross of Millet, Alberta, and Mrs. C. A. Campbell of Pakenham, Ontario. These two ladies, and Mrs. Elsie Hart, President of the United Farm Women of Saskatchewan and Mrs. Hugh McRae of Durban, Manitoba, constitute the national Commit-

Former U.F.W.A. President

Mrs. Ross is, of course, well known as a former President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, who has given long service in this Province and has been for some time past a Director representing the farm women's or-ganization on the Board of the Alberta rederation of Agriculture. (There are now two such representatives, Mrs. Ross and Mrr. Ml. E. Lowe, who was President of the U.F.W.A. and is now the first President of the F.W.U.A.)
Mrs. Ross is a member of the Board
of Governors of the University of Alberta, a member of the Alberta Health Survey and the only woman member of the Board of Industrial Relations of this Province.

this Province.

Mrs. Campbell is chairman of the Women's Committee of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. She has been on the Executive of the Ontario Women's Institutes.

Women's Institutes.

Mrs. McRae is Vice-President of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation, which, she points out, is unique in being represented on both the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Co-operative Union of Canada. She is also a Western Agricultural Representative on the National Board of the Farm Radio Forum.

Director of Health Study Bureau
An interested observer at the Con-

An interested observer at the Con-vention was Miss Marion Stewart of Toronto, Director and Secretary-Treasurer of the Health Study Bureau of which Hon. George Hoadley is the head. She spoke to the Convention of the work of the Bureau, and assisted in the preparation of a resoluof Directors of the C.F.A., calling for Provincial Government assistance towards the training of doctors and nurses, in order to make up present deficiencies in numbers, particularly in rural areas.

About \$220 millions are being spent on construction of new schools in Britain this year — about twice as much as in 1948.

Living In Same Century?

Are Britain and Canada living in the same century? In such matters as provision for medical treatment and hospital services, apparently not. In Canada, sickness often makes a big hole in a life's savings. Here are some of the things Britons get "for the whole family" at a cost to "Dad" of about one dollar a week, as summarized by Elmore Philpott.

ized by Elmore Philpott.

Free medical and dental care, free doctor's bills, free medlicine, free hospital care, "with no ifs and buts about it." Care of cases of capaca. it." Care of cases of cancer, rheuma-tism, T.B., and other chronic diseases involve no costs to the patient, and if he has paid in for three years, there is a cash income for his family as long as he lives. Eyeglasses are free, as are old age pensions, without means test, widow's benefits, maternity grants, and there are even funeral allowances. For those who have paid their dollar a week for three years there are in addition sickness benefits in cash as long as the sickness lasts. Unemployment benefits are relatively as high as in Canada.

Britain voted £218 millions for the first year's operation of the insurance scheme. The cost was £240 millions; so slightly higher weekly payments may be necessary.

Little Folks' Puzzle



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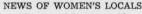
EW seed is the best" is a piece of advice given around 300 B.C. by Theophrastus, a noted agricultural authority in ancient Greece. Theophrastus had noted that the seed selectors of old, who correspond to modern plant breeders, were continually selecting new strains of seed which greatly improved the yield and quality of field crops.

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Belmont U.F.W.A. Edmonton) re-cently voted \$20 to the United Emer-gency Fund for Britain, and \$15 each to the Institute for the Blind, the Save the Children Fund, and the Can-

With Mrs. R. Bertschi as president, Camrose U.F.W.A. had a successful and enjoyable year, reports Mrs. Elmer McNary, secretary. Delegates were sent to the two annual conventions (in January and November) and to the Farm Women's Rest Week at Verballors and the second s milion, bringing back good reports in each case. Several parties were held, and funds were raised by serving lunches at two auction sales and by conducting a booth with aid from the Juniors, at the Camrose Fair. The Local sent flowers and congratula-tions to Mrs. Hallum, of Sedgewick, a former U.F.W.A. Director, on her diamond wedding anniversary.

The ration of cooking fat was increased from 1 to 2 ounces a week, in Britain recently.

warmers. Use your crayons on this

California's old age pensioners (pensionable age 63) now receive \$75 a sionable age 63) now receive \$75 a month, the payments having first call on all money in the treasury, taking precendence over schools and highways. A pensioner may own personal property up to \$1500, a house assessed at not more than \$3500, a car, and \$1000 in life insurance.



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TODAY'S DEFINITION

Soft Drinks—All belch and no body.
—Thenx to Dorothy Sayers.

So many politicians have been filling the air of late that we can't forgo repeating the following quotation: "Art honest, or a man of many

And many faces to them? Thou'rt a plotter, A politician."

-Death's Test Book.

News item says that the mouth organ has now been officially classified as a musical instrument so despite the B.C.C. there's hope for the bagpipes after all.

THE MORNING AFTER

I put on the suit I wore . . .
But could not find the mood
I wore the night before. Elizabeth Petrie, Calgary.

According to the Vancouver Metropolitan Health Association, the modern baby costs 1,000 per cent more than 50 years ago. Pooh! snorts Knotty Frankie, any guy who has taken Li'l Goldilocks, your office vamp, out a few times knows that.

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AT NIGHT

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The moon rides high behind;
The strong wind mocks the
strength of me.

The waves surge unconfined.

Oh, little strutting shades of me, What can I hope to find? Immensities in front of me, Eternity behind.

A shadow cast this shade of me: A snadow cast this snade of me;
But freely rides the mind,
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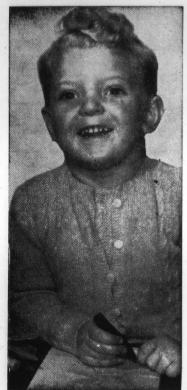
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ports from Britain.

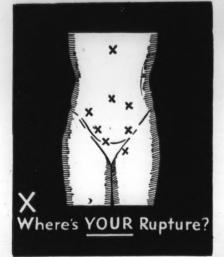
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compared with \$117,563,000 (1947). From reports received from various quarters and compiled by the statistical bureau at Ottawa, it is apparent that wheat crops in the Southern hemisphere are under last year, particularly in Argentina. In Australia the crop is estimated at 190 million bushels, about 20 million over the 1935-39 average but 30 million bushels under last year. As to the Northern hemisphere. The cash income of the Canadian furrers and compiled by the statistical bureau at Ottawa, it is apparent all bureau at Ott

there may be some increase in spring wheat seeding. The fall weather was unusually dry, and even with good weather conditions in the growing period, the shortage of moisture for the germinating period is something that shouldn't be overlooked.

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